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Much earlier than we may suppose, it is possible to detect by the behavior of the infant signs of temperament, of detrimental emotional trends as temper, ^{extreme} timidity, negativism, and so forth which, when known, give a definite basis upon which one may work understandingly. However, parents fail to give enough attention to their children, that is, understanding attention, for the simple reason that they have too little to give. ^{Most parents} They only have children and then confine their attention, so far as it goes, to satisfying their physical needs. Here, average parental capacity comes to an end and, with it, the proper understanding of their offspring. So most children are born into neglect of which their creators, so to speak, are entirely unconscious though this unintentionally begets fresh varieties of ignorance in place of the old instead of propagating better states of life and living. And so reproduction becomes ^{then} a thing of habitual ignorance: not an escape from it in the direction of a better humanity.

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Until such time as the bond of emotional gratification becomes transformed into adequate understanding, the child who is keenly affected by adverse stimuli of the home environment will show its reactions according to the most easily affected tendencies of its nature. Very often, it is not taken at all into consideration that the infant is being periodically or continuously exposed to direct